

# DPLR1\1029

## **Evaluating an important biodiversity area in Gibraltar: Windmill Hill Flats**

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## PRIMARY APPLICANT DETAILS

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**Name** Research  
**Surname** Office  
**Website** [REDACTED]  
**Tel (Work)** [REDACTED]  
**Email (Work)** [REDACTED]  
**Address** [REDACTED]  
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## CONTACT DETAILS

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**Title** Prof  
**Name** Julia  
**Surname** Fa  
**Organisation** University of Gibraltar  
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## Section 1 - Project Title & Contact Details

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### Q1. Project Title

Evaluating an important biodiversity area in Gibraltar: Windmill Hill Flats

### Q2. Please select whether you are applying as an organisation or as an individual (Guidance section 3 and Guidance Glossary)

Organisation

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#### GMS ORGANISATION

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Type	Organisation
Name	University of Gibraltar
Phone (Work)	[REDACTED]
Email (Work)	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]

## Section 2 - Overseas Territory(ies)

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### Q3. Overseas Territory (Guidance section 1.3):

Which UK Overseas Territory(ies) will your project be working in? Please note that in case of a non-permanent resident population you need to demonstrate a clear, meaningful, long-term link to the territory.

Gibraltar

\* if you have indicated a territory group with an asterisk, please give detail on which territories you are working on here:

*No Response*

In addition to the UKOT(s) you have indicated, will your project directly benefit any other UK OT(s) or country(ies)?

No

## Section 3 - Project Partners

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### Q4. Project partners (Guidance section 3.2)

In this section, please give details of all the partners involved (including the Lead Partner) and provide a summary of their roles.

**Project Leader name (Guidance section 3.1):** Prof Julia Fa

**Lead Partner name (if applying as an organisation; Guidance section 3.1):** University of Gibraltar

**Lead Partner Website (if applicable):** <https://www.unigib.edu.gi>

**Is the Lead Partner based in a UKOT where the project is working (Guidance section 3.1)?**

Yes

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In-territory partners, Gibraltar:

HM Department of Environment, Sustainability, Climate Change and Heritage (DESCCH).  
Gibraltar Botanic Gardens (GBG).  
Prof John Cortes, Ecologist and Beacon Professor, University of Gibraltar.

**List other partners involved and where are they based (Guidance section 3.2):**

In-territory NGOs, Gibraltar:

Gibraltar Ornithological & Natural History Society (GONHS).  
Save Gibraltar Street Cats (SGSC).  
The Environmental Safety Group (ESG).

International collaborators:

Biogeography, Diversity and Conservation Group, University of Malaga, Spain.  
Prof James Russell, Biological Sciences, University of Auckland, New Zealand.  
OT colleagues, Invasive Species Control, Ascension Island.

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**Summary of roles and responsibilities of each partner in the project:**

DESCCH. Provision of field permits required under the Nature Protection Act 1991. Support in logistics. Support in outreach activities and in liaising with local NGOs. Assistance in building a critical mass of trained environmental officers and Nature Reserve Managers. Stephen Warr (Senior Environment Officer) will be a regular collaborator.

GBG. Contributor for building fauna and flora inventories, support for terrestrial ecology with expertise in plants, vertebrates and insects. Dr Keith Bensusan and Dr Rhian Guillem, entomologists with taxonomic and ecological expertise, will provide technical assistance on the ground.

Prof John Cortes (personal capacity), specialist in invasive species, reptile and plant ecology, knowledge of local priorities.

GONHS. Support for taxonomic identification of plant and animal species.

SGSC and ESG. Attend participatory meetings. Support in public outreach.

Dr Miguel Angel Farfan, Prof Raimundo Real, Dr Antonio Roman, Dr Jesus Olivero, Dr David Romero and Dr Jesus Duarte (University of Malaga, Spain) will assist in ecological assessments, fieldwork, participate in project meetings and training delivery. This team will be crucial to identify populations of lost species in southern Spain as sources of animals to captive breed or translocate in Gibraltar.

Prof James Russell (University of Auckland, NZ) will advise on invasive species methods and help with analysing project results. James is an advisor to Predator Free New Zealand and Zero Invasive Predators. He has worked on predator-control on islands worldwide and visited Gibraltar previously.

OT colleagues. We will engage with experts in Ascension Island, to learn from their experience in invasive mammal eradications.

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**I confirm that all listed partners are aware of this application and have indicated support:**


Checked


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**Attach a Cover Letter for your application (Guidance section 4.2).**

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## **Section 4 - Project Summary & Description**

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## Q5. Project Summary (Guidance section 3.8)

**Please provide a brief summary of your project. This may be used in communication activities and/or published online, if your application is successful.**

The Windmill Hill Flats (WHF) area in Gibraltar has suffered biodiversity decline which is likely to be continuing due to the presence of invasive plants and animals, but the actual impact is unknown. This project will conduct ecological surveys to inform best practices to reduce threats, improve ecosystem functioning, increase species diversity and facilitate participatory meetings involving local community and NGOs.

Outcomes will include guidelines for WHF habitat restoration and training of local environment officers in biodiversity survey techniques.

## Q6. Description (Guidance section 2.1)

**Please provide a description of your project, including:**

- the overall objective
- the current situation and the problem the project is trying to address
- what success will look like and how you will measure it

**Please be as specific as possible when describing the project, using quantified data and evidence where available. You may wish to consider: what are the specific threats to the environment that the project will attempt to address, and what should we know about these threats? What does your successful project look like? And how will you demonstrate whether and how your project has been successful?**

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**(Optional) Please upload any additional and supporting materials or files (such as maps of project sites, etc) below. Maximum of 5 pages:**

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## Section 5 - Project Outcome(s)

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### Q7. Project Outcome(s) (Guidance section 1.2)

**Successful Darwin Plus Local projects must demonstrate measurable outcomes in at least one of the themes of Darwin Plus, either by the end of the project or soon after through a credible plan.**

**Please tick which theme(s) of Darwin Plus your project underpins:**

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|-----------|---|
| Checked   | <b>Biodiversity: improving and conserving biodiversity, and slowing or reversing biodiversity loss and degradation;</b>   |
| Unchecked | <b>Climate change: responding to, mitigating and adapting to climate change and its effects on the natural environment and local communities;</b>   |
| Unchecked | <b>Environmental quality: improving the condition and protection of the natural environment</b>   |
| Checked   | <b>Capability and capacity building: enhancing the capacity within OTs, including through community engagement and awareness, to support the environment in the short- and long-term.</b> |

**Please justify your selection.**

**Biodiversity:** The outcome will be the development of management policies and sustainability options for the long-term protection of the area. The resulting management plan will be directed at improving the biodiversity of the study area and suggest actions to reduce the impact of invasive species.

**In-territory knowledge:** Local environment and conservation officers will be trained on survey techniques and the community will have a better understanding of threats from invasives, especially feral cats. We will encourage ways of using the site for environmental education by involving local schools in field work or encouraging research projects by the University of Gibraltar.

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## Section 6 - Project Timeline

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### Q8. Project timeline (Guidance section 2.2)

**Please provide anticipated dates for the start and end of your planned project here. Please use the Darwin Plus Local Project Implementation Timetable Template (which can be downloaded below) to provide a list of the individual activities you have planned for this project, a brief description of what**

each activity entails, and the months in which the activities will be carried out. If the project involves only one activity (e.g. a purchase), please still provide project start and end dates (noting estimated times for procurement). Please note that your project will need to be completed by 31 March 2024.

Start date:	End date:	Duration (e.g. 3 months):
01 April 2023	31 March 2024	12 months

Please upload the completed Darwin Plus Local Project Implementation Timetable template with your proposed project activities below.

-  [DPLR1 1029 Biodiversity-WHF Implementation-Timetable](#)
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## Section 7 - Costs

### Q9. Costs (Guidance section 2.2 and please read the Finance Guidance)

Please provide a breakdown of costs to be funded through Darwin Plus Local (in GBP).

Are you seeking any matched funding for this project? (Please note that this is optional and there is no requirement to seek matched funding for Darwin Plus Local projects).

Yes

How much matched funding are you seeking and where from?

Pro-bono time from in-territory partners and international collaborators:

DESCCH - £ [REDACTED]  
 GBG - £ [REDACTED]  
 Prof James Russell - £ [REDACTED]  
 University of Malaga team - £ [REDACTED]

Budget line	Explanation	Cost in GBP
<b>Staff costs:</b>	UoG staff time involved in the project	[REDACTED]
<b>Overhead costs:</b>	Calculated as 15% of staff costs	[REDACTED]
<b>Travel &amp; subsistence costs:</b>	Transport and accommodation for invited collaborators	[REDACTED]
<b>Operating costs:</b>	Local workshops and fieldwork costs	[REDACTED]

<b>Capital equipment:</b>	Camera traps and a laptop	████████
<b>Consultancy costs:</b>	Project Leader (Prof Julia Fa)	████████
<b>Total:</b>		████████

**This section provides more information on the budget to help evaluators understand how you will use the funds you are requesting. You do not need to list all costs, but please list and detail costs of more than £1,000 per item below, under the appropriate budget line.**

**Details of staff costs over £1,000 (if relevant)**

Conservation officer (new recruit). Responsible to the Project Lead. On the ground support for daily project administration. Support for field surveys, data collection, evidence reporting and outreach activities. Project dedication: 300 days FTE, ██████████.

**Details of overhead costs over £1,000 (if relevant):**

Calculated as ██████ of staff costs. ██████████.

**Details of travel and subsistence costs over £1,000 (if relevant):**

Transport and accommodation for international collaborators to attend project meetings and site visits:

Prof James Russell- travel and accommodation from University of Aberdeen (sabbatical 2023) to Gibraltar. ██████████.

University of Malaga team – transport costs from Malaga to Gibraltar. ██████████.

**Details of operating costs over £1,000 (if relevant):**

Local workshops ██████████

Fuel for fieldtrips ██████████

Aluminium quadrats, bitumen felt squares, line transects, pitfall traps ██████████

**Details of capital equipment costs over £1,000 (if relevant):**

20 camera traps ██████████

1 laptop ██████████

**Details of consultancy costs over £1,000 (if relevant):**

Project Lead – Prof Julia Fa is a specialist in animal ecology, habitat and species management. Julia led projects on rats and cats monitoring in Gibraltar in the 90s and more recently in 2021, in collaboration with the Government and NGOs. She will provide overall project guidance and will have a pivotal role in liaising with in-territory partners, NGOs and international collaborators, bringing in international experts to assist in capacity building. Julia is based in the UK but visits Gibraltar on a regular basis as she is associated with the University and is Gibraltarian. Her role will be core.

**Details of other costs over £1,000 (if relevant)**

No Response

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**If your project budget was prepared in another currency and converted to GBP, please provide the exchange rate, its source, and the date it was accessed:**

<b>Other currency:</b>	<b>Exchange rate:</b>	<b>Source of this exchange rate:</b>	<b>Date exchange rate accessed:</b>
No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response

**Darwin Plus Local has been created to build capacity and contribute to local economies in-territory.**

What % of the total will be spent in the OTs?

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**If less than 80% of the total project spend is to be spent within the OT(s), please explain why.**

The funding spent in consultancy costs ( of overall budget) will directly benefit the OT as it will support a specialist Project Lead who will deliver clear in-territory benefits in terms of capacity building, international outreach and project leadership.

**Section 8 - Local and National Priorities**

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**Q10. Local and national priorities**

**Please explain how this project aligns with local and national priorities? You may wish to consider the project in the context of national environmental laws, objectives, strategies, territory specific agreements, action plans or policies.**

The project supports:

- (1) The Gibraltar Biodiversity Action Plan - Section 6, details the main invasive species found in Gibraltar’s terrestrial environment and includes recommendations for their management.
- (2) The Gibraltar Nature Reserve (GNR) Management Plan, which places emphasis on the removal of invasive and pest species as a main conservation measure and habitat restoration, including WHF area.
- (3) Integrated Rural Management Plan (IRMP) addresses the management of the Natural Environment of HQBF Gibraltar to protect, and where possible, enhance the nature conservation value of military estates in Gibraltar including WHF.

Internationally:

- (4) Bonn Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals. Gibraltar sits on a migratory hotspot and migratory birds may be impacted by rats and especially cats.
- (5) Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) – Article 8(f): Rehabilitate and restore degraded ecosystems and promote the recovery of threatened species, through the development and implementation of plans

or other management strategies; Article 8(h): Prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species.


(6) Bern Convention – Article 3: Promote national policies for the conservation of wild flora, wild fauna and natural habitats, with particular attention to endangered and vulnerable species.


**Will the project take place on Government owned land or water?**


Yes

**Please attach evidence that you have Government support i.e. Letter of Support.**

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## Section 9 - Project Risks

### Q11. Project Risks

**Please demonstrate your consideration of any risks involved in this project and how you intend to manage them. Depending on your project, you may wish to consider:**

- Biosecurity risks – particularly for projects involving external equipment.
- Safeguarding risks – particularly for projects involving vulnerable groups such as children, older people or people with disabilities.

Risk	Mitigation
Site access delayed	Adhering to the Integrated Rural Management Plan (IRMP), and with the support from DESCCH, we will confirm MOD authorisation to work on the site. Compilation of existing data (Activity 1), a press release and the project website (Activity 7) will be carried out in the interim.
Data storage	Survey data and photos will be secured in password-protected servers at the University. Daily backups will be scheduled.
Severe weather	WHF is an exposed area prone to gusty conditions that can make working conditions difficult. We will check forecasts ahead of field work trips and adapt if necessary to avoid any potential health and safety hazards.

**Do you require more fields?**

Yes

Risk	Mitigation
Low community uptake	<p>We will show case studies implemented by other OTs.</p> <p>Discussions will be an opportunity to incorporate NGOs and community views on to the programme and agree on acceptable solutions for the control of invasives, especially feral cats. A media marketing strategy will be led by UoG's communications team to create local traction. There will be weekly project updates (estimated 52 overall) on Twitter, Facebook and the project webpage (potential reach: 5,000) and four news items (potential reach: 15,000), including recording a TV programme for the local broadcasting channel.</p>
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## Section 10 - Terms & Conditions

### Q12. Terms and conditions (Guidance section 3.10)

**By applying for Darwin Plus Local you are adhering in full to the grant Terms and Conditions in full (available at: <https://dplus.darwininitiative.org.uk/apply> and as referenced in the Guidance at section 3.10). For information, the Terms and Conditions include requirements for all applicants to (amongst other requirements as per the full Terms and Conditions):**

- Uphold a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment.
- Where appropriate, make all reasonable and adequate efforts to address gender inequality and other power imbalances.
- Notify all cases of fraud and theft (whether proven or suspected) relating to the project to the Grant Administrator as soon as they identified.

**Please indicate you have read, and understood, and will adhere to the Terms and Conditions.**

Checked

**If your application is successful:** If your project application is successful, the Fund Administrator (NIRAS)

will ask you to provide some financial evidence for due diligence checks before you receive your project grant. (Please see section 3.3 of the Darwin Plus Local Finance Guidance). Please be ready to provide this evidence promptly.

**Financial evidence for organisations:** Year-end financial statements, the latest management accounts or audited accounts (if you have these).

**Financial evidence for individuals:** Proof of identity such as a passport, ID card or driving licence and solvency (such as bank statements) and a police check.

## Section 11 - Certification

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### Certification

**I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made in this application are true and the information provided is correct.**

Checked

**I have the authority to submit an application on behalf of my organisation.**

Checked

<b>Name:</b>	Dr Darren Fa
<b>Position in the organisation: (if applicable)</b>	Director of Academic Programmes and Research
<b>Signature (please upload e-signature)</b>	  13/02/2023  09:55:38  png 13.54 KB
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## Section 12 - Submission Checklist

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### Checklist for submission

	Check
<b>I have read the Guidance documents, including the “Darwin Plus Local Guidance” and the “Darwin Plus Local Finance Guidance”.</b>	Checked
<b>If my proposed project takes place on public lands or water, I have uploaded a Letter of Support from Government.</b>	Checked



<b>I have uploaded a cover letter that details the information requested in the guidance (Guidance section 4.2 has information on what this cover letter should include).</b>	Checked
<b>I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for this fund.</b>	Checked
<b>I have provided actual start and end dates for the project.</b>	Checked
<b>I have provided my summary budget based on UK government financial years i.e. 1 April – 31 March and in GBP in the application form.</b>	Checked
<b>I have uploaded my project implementation timetable using the specific template provided.</b>	Checked
<b>(If copying and pasting into Flexi-Grant) I have checked that all my responses have been successfully copied into the online application form.</b>	Checked
<b>The application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).</b>	Checked
<b>I have checked the Darwin Plus website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.</b>	Checked
<b>I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on the Darwin Plus website.</b>	Checked

**We would like to keep in touch!**

**Please check this box if you would be happy for the lead applicant (Flexi-Grant Account Holder) and project leader (if different) to be added to our mailing list. Through our mailing list we share updates on upcoming and current application rounds under Darwin Plus. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share project news. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.**

Checked

### **Data protection and use of personal data**

Information supplied in the application form, including personal data, will be used by Defra as set out in the **Privacy Notice**, available from the [Forms and Guidance Portal](#).

This **Privacy Notice must be provided to all individuals** whose personal data is supplied in the application form. Some information may be used when publicising Darwin Plus including project details (usually title, lead partner, project leader, location, and total grant value).

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Activity #	Description (max 25 words)	No. of months	UK Financial Year 2023/24											
			Calendar Year 2023									Calendar Year 2024		
			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
A1	Compilation of existing data	2												
A2	Assessment and record of vegetation and flora in the study area. Identification and mapping of areas identified from aerial photographs.	9												
A3	Assessment and record of native faunal groups (gastropod molluscs, reptiles, butterflies, ground insects) and bird abundance.	9												
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A5	Technical meetings. Two general meetings (M3 and M12) and two specific smaller meetings on biodiversity surveys (M6) and invasives monitoring (M9).	4												
A6	In-territory capacity building. Provision of 3 training sessions (M3, M7, M11)	3												
A7	Community outreach. Two community meetings (M3, M12), 1 public lecture (M12), 4 news items in local TV/radio/press (M1, M5, M8, M12), project website operational (M1)	5												
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